

10/3/99 Run Over

A 39-year-old, father of five was killed when he was run over by a dump truck. The victim was a truck driver with 12 years of experience, and had been with his employer for approximately 2 ½ years.

There were two single-bed dump trucks and a front-end loader on site. The loader operator filled the back of one of the trucks and told the victim that he could leave and observed the victim getting into the cab of the truck. The second driver observed the victim getting into his truck, checking his left-hand mirror, then was seen in the right-hand mirror while slowly backing up, so he could keep track of the front-end loader. His back-up alarms were working.

The loader operator rotated his loader so he could scoop material to put in the second driver's truck after positioned. He was rotating the loader back to dump, and saw the victim out of his truck, behind Driver #2's truck. Before the loader operator could respond, Driver #2 truck struck the victim, knocking him down, and pinning him under the wheels of the truck. Emergency medical assistance was called, however, the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Questions to ask?

- Are your workers trained to work around traffic on a construction site?
- Are your workers frequently reminded of site hazards in safety meetings?
- Is all of your equipment inspected regularly to insure the back up alarm work?